

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, claims 59-61, 63, 64, 66-69, 71, 72, and 77-86 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,585, claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,236,718, claims 1-63 of U.S. Patent No. 6,236,718, claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,185,284, claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,181,783, claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 5,949,473, claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 5,929,896, claims 1-61 of U.S. Patent No. 5,844,596, and claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 5,010,399.

A Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b) (along with the requisite fee) is submitted herewith, thus obviating the foregoing rejections. In addition, a Statement under 3.73(b) filed in U.S. Patent No. 6,236,718 is submitted herewith.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 59-61, 63, 64, 66-69, 71, 72, and 77-86 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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